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Philatelic Jottings from N. Y.

BY MACK.

This city is steadily striving ahead in the Philatelic Literature field. We can now boast of five monthly journals as follows: Metropolitan Philatelist, American Journal of Philately, Post Office, Stamps, New York Philatelist and Herald Exchange. The first three are very old journals, and cater more for the advanced collectors than for the beginner or average collector, altho' the Post office has reduced the subscrition price to twenty-five cents. Stamps is published with a view to the further advancement of the younger element in Philately. The New York Philatelist is about the livest youngster that has been borned in some time. This is what an artist would call an "ideal" publication; the contents cater to both the beginner as well as the more advanced collector. The two numbers before me comprise eight pages and a beautiful colored cover each. The publishers inform me that the December number will be their Holiday number.

The Herald Exchange is a large size paper comprising from eight to twelve pages with no cover each issue. It is published in German and English. There is no reading matter whatever to speak about except a few interesting notes and reprinted articles the rest is made up of "ad" matter.

Auctions are all the rage again Bogert & Durbin held a very successful sale on Saturday Oct. 24, it being their sixty-eight sale; many bargains was secured, in U. S. General issues, Departments Revenues fetched very high prices. I mention a few as follows:

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McKinley is our next president in the daily papers prosperity again reigns. Even stamps are booming in this town. Just to test the market I visited the stamp dealers in Nassau St. (Philatelic Lane) and vicinity, and was surprised to find customers in almost every place, I asked several dealers "how was business?" and they all replied in the same tenor that there is an enormous demand for stamps worth over twenty-five cents, especially U. S., British Colonies, and a few South American countries, such as Uruguay, Paraguay and Chili.

I have seen some of the advance sheets, Canada did not advance at all except the very rare such as the 12 pence etc. From the 1868 issue to present date, including Registration stamps, not one stamp has advanced, all prices remaining the same as the 56th catalogue. This is a great disappointment to many collectors of these stamps. In British Honduras the 24c. value has dropped to 75c. I know quite a number of dealers and collectors, who have been holding these stamps for two years expecting a raise. It seems speculating is a losing venture lately.

Canadian Notes.

There has been a perceptible improvement in business during the past two or three weeks and all dealers are paying a good price for rare stamps.

Philatelists are wondering how Nova Scotians will be priced in the new catalogue. The recently discovered stamps can only be bought in lots at $60. or more, so it is said (?) and it is intended that only six copies of the 12½c and fourteen copies of the 10c will be supplied with each lot. If this is correct the chances are that there will not be much depreciation in these values.

The Dominion Philatelic Society has established a branch at Woodstock, Ont., with nine members as a start. The intention is to establish branches in all parts

of Canada,

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Another new Canadian paper has been published—the Canadian Advocate. The first number consists of 8 pages and cover. We wish the publishers success in their new enterprise.

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Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto, announces that he will shortly publish a catalogue of Canadian Revenues. If he does it should meet with prompt appreciation as it is much needed.

FOREIGN NOTES.

BY LEON G. LAMBERT.

Collectors have been wondering how it was possible for some dealers the to sell Arg. Rep. 1892, 1, 2 and 5 Pesos at $1. and sometimes less a set; here is the way they can do it: The large Journals of Argentine Republic have petitioned the Government to allow them to mail their Journals without affixing a stamp to each copy, but instead, they would at the end of each month pay their respective postmasters the amount of postage they would have used.

This petition has recently been granted, so, now the large publishers of Argentine Republic mail their Journals in the same manner as our Journals are mailed, viz., without stamps. At the end of every month they pay the postage and as a receipt the postmaster is instructed to give them canceled 1, 2 and 5 Peso stamps. In this way the Prensa pays over 500 Pesos a month, and thus gets 500 in canceled 1, 2 and 5 Peso stamps, which are sold to dealers and by them are sold to collectors at about a dollar a set.

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Unless the collection is sold entire, the Doctor will dispose of it in lots to the highest bidder. The opportunity is an unusual one and collectors should at once try and secure some of the sets of which a large number are complete.

Next month we shall publish a catalogue giving numbers and values by Scott's 56th, if not sold before as an entirety.

We are in receipt of another of those convenient Hand books of which so many have been lately published for various states &c. This time the Province of Ontario is the subject of treatment and the result is a fair list of names of Collectors and Dealers compiled by R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catherine's, Ont. who admits that the list is incomplete but hints at a second edition in 1897. The Book contains list of Collectors, Dealers and Publications, and should receive the support of Philatelists.

Omaha is working hard for the National meet in 1898 and we hope she will get it. The Great Trans-Mississippi Exposition will be on and of course reduced rates will be in order. Nebraska is probably the "biggest" Philatelic State in the Union, has the largest State Society and has already started an Entertainment fund. Write the Philatelic West for full particulars.

The N. Y. Philatelist for Dec. is a credit to its publishers. It is to our mind the beau-ideal of a philatelic paper eight pages of original articles and notes two and a half of editorials and five of ads besides the cover. The press work is sans reproche and all in all the paper is one of the most 'fetching' we have seen for some time.

We have received Bunces' Dealers Address Book compiled by Richd. H. Bunce, Middletown, Conn. It contains 420 up to date names and at the small price asked for it, 10 cents, should have a ready sale as it fills a want. We believe it the first of the kind issued.

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We still have left over a few of the "Favorite" Albums that we are offering as a premium and if you wish to secure one send 30c at once to the publishers, this means 25c. for a years subscription to this paper and the cost of the postage of the album.

Walter Morley of London, Eng., has issued a revised "Catalogue and price list of the Envelopes, Newsbands and Postcards of Great Britain." This list will be a great aid to the collectors who make a specialty of Great Britain as it is in fact a complete check list. The price of the book is 6d.

F. N. Massoth & Co., Chicago, are out with price list of U. S. No 5—1897, and their prices appear reasonable.

We have received a sample sheet of P. M. Wolsieffer's Blank Album and one of his Approval Cards. The Album is reasonable in price and just "the thing" for collectors who do not wish to be confined to the ordinary printed albums.

The Approval card is practical and we would suggest that collectors when ordering unused specimens request their dealers to use these cards and so, avoid defacing the o. g. with hinges.

We have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of The December number of The England Specialists Journal, published by H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, England. It contains a description of the new "Army Official" stamp, of which there are three values: ½d vermilion, 1d lilac, 2½ violet on blue and errors in the ½d and 1d., "OFFICIAI," the error occurs once on each sheet on the seventh stamp of the third row in the lower pane. The last letter is distinctly 'I' and not a broken 'L' as might be supposed.

There is also a very elaborate article on "The Stamped Stationery of Great Britain," by H. O. Frith, which is full of interest and were it generally read by U. S. collectors it would largely tend to increase the number of specialists in "English" in this country.

Another instructive article is that on "Registration Envelope Stamps," by Mr. Ewen.

"The Standard Priced catalogue" No. 5, November 1896, published by H. L'Estrange Ewen also, is a very complete one of Postage and Telegraph Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom, the price 2-6 and all collectors interested in "Great Britain" should procure a copy.

The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

W. A. Beatty, editor of the Ontario Philatelist, gives in the Oct. No. of his paper a complete list and discription of Canadian telegraph stamps, an article well worth the reading. The other No. contains little of interest save the announcement that it is now official organ of the Dominion Philatelist Society.

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The Evergreen State Philatelist has established a new order of things by issuing its Nov. No. before the Oct., one owing to a change in printers. The later No. was up to the usual high standard, containing the usual trade, exchange and Critic notes besides articles on "Punched Stamps" and "Abuse of Gov't Franks," but the Nov. No., was merely a makeshift, without cover and containing only 8 pages half of which was given over to an essay on "The Grille" by Gordon C. Corbaley.

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That the Philatelic Free Lance is a Canadian number may be immediately seen by a glance at the titles of its contents, "Revenue Stamps of Canada," "From a Canadian point of view," "Philatelic Journalism in Canada," and "Philately in Canada." This paper sports (not supports!) eleven editors; we hope it will not e'er long supply another proof of the theory that too many cooks spoil the broth!

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The Western Stamp has come out with a cover, perhaps to hide the rather poor typographical appearance within. It is made up mostly of short notes, but there is one article of interest. It is by H. I. Watts upon the "Cincinnati Hand Stamp" and after describing it the author states his belief that this emission should be classed as a provisional stamp instead of a postmark, as the leading dealers are unanimous in calling it.

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The New York Philatelist has changed its printers and as a consequence presents a much improved appearance. Its contributors evidently believe in nom-de-plumes for there is not one article recognizably signed. E. R. J. describes his oddity collection which includes such things as inverted watermarks and surcharges, double perforations, mis-

strikes, etc., H. J. M. gives a little talk on the "Triangular Cape of Good Hope Stamps," and some notes are supplied by C. L. of an uncatalogued error, the 20p. on 5p. green Egypt with inverted surcharge, and an illustration of the postal card issued by France to commemorate the recent visit of the Czar.

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The Weekly Philatelic Era does not appear very often in this direction, but is always very welcome when it does come. The number listed above is full of newsy items.

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Doughty & Page's Philatelic Literaturist offers a long list of papers at auction, and attempts to chronicle the philatelic births, deaths and announcements. The chronicles are amusing to read, but do not seem very reliable inas-much as the very first death given is that of the All Around Stamp Advertiser, a paper which is still alive and lively.

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The Rocky Mountain Stamp, closes its second volume with the Dec. No. and celebrates by issuing a fine index for it. S. B. Hopkins continues his West India series still discussing St. Christopher, C. E. Severn talks both instructively and interestingly upon "Steamboat Postmarks and cancelations." Raymond S. Baker gives the third chapter of "Five years of Philatelic History," and there is a discussion as to whether stamps without value are worthy of being collected, the answer being either yes or no according to circumstances.

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Just as we close the two numbers of the Columbian Philatelist come to hand together, and will therefore be thus reviewed, but as the leading article in each is by our pen, we feel rather delicate about mentioning them and so will merely say that the first speaks of some oddities to be found upon "The Other Side" of stamps while the second describes "The First Postal Service" as invented by Cyrus, king of Persia. The editorials and advs. are particularly interesting, and the same may be said of an article on "Consistency" wherein the inconsistencies of a certain well-known publication regarding Seebecks are exposed. The C. P. is now official organ, pro tempore, of the Columbian Philatelic Society.

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